

**XXVIIIth CONGRESS.
XXXVIIth CONGRESS.
FIRST SESSION.**

CITY ITEMS.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, June 19, 1862.

The Senate met at 11 a.m., and Mr. FOOT (Rep., Vt.) was chosen President pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER (Rep., Mich.), the bill from the House to change the port of entry of Brunswick, Ga., was taken up and passed.

Mr. SAULSBURY (Dem., Del.) moved to take up the resolution fixing the time of adjournment.

The motion was lost by Yeas 14, Nays 22.

On Mr. WILSON'S (Rep., Mass.) motion, the bill defining the pay and emoluments of officers of the army was taken up.

On the question of expensing in the amendment of the House, striking out the section deducting ten percent from the pay of officers of the Government, civil and military, during the present rebellion, and reducing the mileage of Members of Congress fifty percent, Mr. SHERMAN (Rep., O.) opposed concurrence. He thought this slight attempt at reform ought not to be concurred in.

The amendment of the House was concurred in by Yeas 29, Nays 12.

YEAS—Messrs. Brownlee, Clegg, Clark, Cowan, Davis, Dix, Fessenden, Folger, Gale, Hurlbut, Henderson, How, Hunt, Kennedy, Lane (Kansas), Lathrop, McGehee,

McGill, Neasey, Penney, Powell, Rice, Sanjour, Trumbull, Wilkinson, Wilson, Wilson (Mass.), Wilson (Mo.)

NAYS—Messrs. Anthony, Chamberlain, Collier, Estelle, Folger, Gurney, Hopper, Johnson, Lyman, Lynde, Wade, Webb, Wright.

So the section was stricken out.

The Pacific Railroad bill being the special order, it was taken up.

Mr. COLLIER'S (Rep., Vt.) amendment providing for the reservation of a certain amount of bonds until the road is completed, was adopted.

Mr. OLIVER (Rep., N. H.) moved to strike out the last two words of the branch roads.

This was agreed to, by Yeas 22, Nays 14.

Mr. CLARK then moved to strike out the provision for the Sioux City branch roads.

Messrs. McDOWELL (Un., Calif.) and WADE (Iowa, Ohio) argued against cutting off the branches, as they were necessary to the main road.

Mr. MORTILL (Rep., Mo.) said the Government was endeavoring to build a great road across the Continent, but as the moment we approach the Mississippi River we are held at bay day after day by local interests, which demand that each road have a branch leading to the main road. We cannot get the rail unless we will be forced to have five or six outlets. He was willing that the north-west should have a point of outlet, but he saw no necessity for more than one.

Messrs. HARLAN and GRIMES contended that the Sioux City branch was very important one.

Mr. CLARK said that it made no difference whether they struck out the Sioux City branch and Omaha branch.

After further discussion Mr. CLARK modified his amendment, so as to strike out the Omaha branch roads.

Mr. CLARK'S amendment as modified, striking out the provision for the Omaha branch road was rejected. Yeas 16, Nays 23.

Mr. CLARK offered an amendment making the point of connection of the Hannibal and St. Joseph branch with the Kansas road not to exceed forty miles west of the Missouri River. Rejected.

Mr. DOOLITTLE (Rep., Wis.) offered an amendment setting apart the proceeds of the public lands in alternate sections, for the benefit of the proposed Northern Pacific Railroad. Loss—Yeas 15, Nays 24.

Mr. KING (Rep., N. Y.) moved to adjourn. Lost—Yeas 17, Nays 23.

Mr. WILSON (Rep., Mass.) moved to reconsider the vote on Mr. Collier's amendment, pending which motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. LEHMAN (Dem., Pa.) presented the tenor of the Philadelphia Municipality of Lehigh for a Navy-Yard. He and the city had purchased it for \$10,000, and offered the land as a free gift to the Government. Referred to the Committee on the 3d of June.

Mr. MALLORY (Un., Ky.) offered a resolution, which was adopted by 163 against 28, proposing the Senate concerning the adjournment of Congress on the 3d of June.

Mr. ARNOLD (Rep., Ill.) from the Select Committee on the Defense of the Northern Lakes, reported a bill establishing at Chicago a national foundry for the manufacture and repair of ordnance and munitions of war, and appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose also, establishing naval depots and navy-yards on Lakes Erie, Michigan, and Ontario, and appropriating \$250,000 therefore. Referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALTON (Rep., Vt.) from the Committee on Finance, reported a resolution directing the Clerk of the House to put out of the contingent fund about \$35,000, to carry into effect the resolution of May last, for the purchase of certain Congressional books from Gale & Son, the order for the books having been filled by them before the rescinding resolution was passed.

Mr. BOSSO CONKLING (Rep., N. Y.) moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The motion was defeated by three majority.

The resolution was rejected by the casting vote of the 8 Sen. there having been a tie vote.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the bill relating to claims for the loss and detention of property belonging to loyal citizens, and damage done thereby by the troops of the United States during the present Rebellion.

Mr. WEBSTER (Un., Md.) spoke of the importance of the measure, and of the losses sustained by citizens of the border States, which necessarily succeeded their occupation by our troops, where armies must have forage, and where forests had to be cut down for fuel, and buildings occupied as soldiers' quarters. While the loyal people do not complain, which is their right, the bill provided for loyal citizens, to indemnify them for property taken for the use of the United States, and Commissioners to investigate the claims, with power to bid their meetings at the most convenient points. The reports on all cases, with the proofs, are to be sent to Congress for final adjudication. He, however, wanted the bill to conform to the one passed after the late war with Great Britain, which had no allusion to slave property. He stated his reasons for moving to strike out the section which provides the Commissioners shall not take cognizance of any claim for the loss, value, or service of any slave or person of color. He had hoped Congress would confine itself to wiping out this foul treason, and securing the rights of all the citizens of the country. He was convinced that Congress had not in this spirit. It was so stated, at least, but he must confess he had been fully disengaged. The Maryland delegation did not come here to sit on the perpetration of Slavery, but for high and patriotic purposes, namely, the preservation of the Union. If their constituents be tried that Slavery stood in the way of this they, themselves, would lay violent hands upon and destroy the institution. There was not a sacrifice they would not patriotically make, but they well knew that legislation upon Slavery did not conduce to the preservation of the Union, but it was a blow aimed to destroy Slavery in their own State. He appealed to the Republicans to support this bill.

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